

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Mayor Michaelis called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm. Council members Schwarz, Frey, Bellm and Nicolaides were present. Others in attendance were City Manager Mark Latham, City Attorney John Long; Directors Cook, Gillespie, Korte, and Rosen; Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Bloemker, Supervisor Limestall, City Staff: Peck, Library Director Kim, Deputy City Clerk Hediger, City Clerk Bellm, 8 citizens and one member of the news media.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Regular Session as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Citizens' Requests and Comments:

*Lebanon Cedar Cruisers – Annual Volkswalk Request - Lebanon Cedar Cruisers Annual Volkswalk Request* – Bill Malina, President of the Lebanon Cedar Cruisers, of New Baden, Illinois, stated that while we are no longer in Lebanon, we keep the name to save a fee. We picked up doing this walk after the Swiss Striders disbanded. This will be our fifteenth year hosting the walk. Mr. Malina, on behalf of the group, we request use of city sidewalks and roadway where there are no sidewalks, on Saturday, May 9, 2015 to hold their annual walk. We also request use of the gazebo if it is raining. Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve the request of the Lebanon Cedar Cruisers to hold their annual Volkswalk on Saturday, May 9, 2015, and use the pavilion on the square as needed as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill Twyford stated, on behalf of Autumn Crest Subdivision, I am proud to say that I am a citizen of Highland. I have been a resident for 38 years. He recognized the work of City Attorney Long and the Planning & Zoning Board in working to resolve zoning and code issues with attached dwellings and lot requirements associated with them. Mr. Twyford noted that, at times we were butting heads; in the end we came to an agreement.

Requests of Council:

Councilwoman Bellm acknowledged everyone that worked with Planning and Zoning and attended the meetings for coming to a proposed resolution of the issue that is on the agenda. Everyone worked for a long time, but they worked with hard work, diligence and determination. I attended a couple of meetings; however, I was unable to attend the last meeting. I understand there was a well-deserved round of applause at the meeting for everyone.

### Staff Reports:

City Manager Latham reported AreaVibes.com shows Highland ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the Best Places to Live in Illinois lists. I think we all know that we live in a great community and that we want to keep it such a great place to live.

City Manager Latham reported that, last Friday, the seven finalist of the Gigabit Challenge presented to the judges and three winners were selected. First place went to Squarefruit.com, a company working on development of a 3-D printer. City Manager Latham acknowledged Lisa Peck for her hard work at putting this together in its first year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Schedule of 2015 City Council Meeting Dates – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve the Schedule of 2015 City Council Meeting Dates as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-182/RESOLUTION Amending FY 2014-2015 Budget – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-182/Ordinance #2663 amending FY 2014-2015 Budget as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Councilman Schwarz inquired how these amendments affect the budget. Finance Director Kelly Korte explained social security and IMRF taxes were budgeted based upon payroll. With some changes in payroll, there was some changed that took place there as well. We were able to use some funds we had saved up to cover the difference. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-183/ORDINANCE for Levy, Assessment and Collection of Taxes – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-183/Ordinance #2664 for levy, assessment and collection of Taxes as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-184/ORDINANCE Approving Text Amendment to the City of Highland Zoning Code Regarding Single-family Attached Dwelling (Villa) Lot and Building Requirements, and Supplemental Regulations – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-184/Ordinance #2665 approving text amendment to the City of Highland Zoning Code regarding Single-Family Attached Dwelling (Villa) Lot and Building Requirements, and Supplemental Regulations as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-185/ORDINANCE Changing the Opening Time From 6:00 A.M. To 5:00 A.M. for the Holders of Class A, B, C, E and F Licenses for the Retail Sale of Alcoholic Liquor – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Bill #14-185/Ordinance #2666 changing the opening time from 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. for the holders of Class A, B, C, E and F Licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Councilman Schwarz asked if we have received any negative feedback. Councilwoman Bellm stated she had a couple of people questioning why. To which I explained that it is about revenue. I also believe that if they want to go, go; if you don't, then don't. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Bill #14-186/RESOLUTION Approving TV Everywhere Agreement with Turner Network Sales, Inc. – Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to approve Bill #14-186/Resolution #14-12-2287 approving TV Everywhere Agreement with Turner Network Sales, Inc. as attached; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

Approve Warrants #970 & #971 – Councilman Schwarz made a motion to approve Warrants #970 & 971 as attached; seconded by Councilwoman Bellm. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, and Bellm voted aye, none nay. Councilman Nicolaides abstained. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Bellm made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Schwarz. Roll Call Vote: Schwarz, Frey, Bellm, and Nicolaides voted aye, none nay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Joseph Michaelis, Mayor

Barbara Bellm, City Clerk